

GUESTS FLEE IN PANIC FROM \$7500 FIRE IN ATLANTIC CITY HOTEL

Rush From Sleeping Apartments and Dining Hall When Blaze Starts in Kitchen Section of the Westmont

WOMAN'S LIFE IS SAVED

Hysterical, She Is About to Roll to Ground From Fire-Escape When Man Seizes Her

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 23.—Four-story guests of the Westmont, a four-story frame hotel situated on Rhode Island avenue, the uptown hotel district, fled in panic from sleeping apartments and the dining hall today when fire started in the kitchen section of the big structure.

While alarms were being sounded to bring a double battery of steamer and truck companies rushing from every part of the city, clouds of dense smoke, arising from rubbish in the engine room of the hotel, gave rise to the impression that the building was doomed.

In the next 15 minutes 200 guests, many of them women and past middle age, worked frantically to reach their rooms from the breakfast hall, pack their effects and reach the lower floors. Into halls, panic-stricken, plunged the wild-eyed figures of the few guests who had not risen when the gong began to clang. Bellboys and chambermaids endeavored to reassure them, but many preferred to pack their belongings, throw on wraps and flee.

Mrs. William Weimer, of New York, a large woman, had to be carried down two flights of stairs because an elevator attendant had gone to fight the blaze. The life of a hysterical woman, whose name the police did not obtain, was saved. She had clambered upon a fire-escape from a window of the second sleeping floor and was about to roll off to the ground when a man leaped from the window and seized her.

Chambermaids behaved admirably, going about and awakening late sleepers and helping women gather their effects and make their way out.

The fire constitutes another indictment of public officials on the score of the rubbish and waste inspection in the city since two inspectors were dismissed for political reasons two weeks ago.

This morning's blaze started among waste in a section of the engine room and spread with great rapidity through the kitchen immediately above it and then into the servants' quarters, on the third floor of the annex. The kitchen was ruined, but the hotel manager, who has been making great efforts to provide for guests, a full house being booked for tomorrow. Charles B. Prettyman and other hotel owners complimented the firemen on their effective work in holding the blaze. The loss will not exceed \$7500.

WILDWOOD INSISTS ON NEW SCHOOLHOUSE

N. J. Supreme Court Issues Rule Against City Commissioners

TRENTON, Aug. 25.—Supreme Court Justice Black today issued a rule to show cause why a peremptory writ of mandamus should not be issued commanding City Commissioners of Wildwood, Cape May County, to provide the Wildwood Board of Education with \$100,000 to purchase land and build and furnish a school at Wildwood.

It is recalled that the Wildwood Board of School Estimates requested this amount of money for the new school, and the request was approved by the State Board of Education, but the City Commissioners have not furnished the appropriation.

The hearing on the rule will take place September 3, at the State House here.

MRS. SAVAGE, 'GOOD OLD SOUL,' ACCUSED OF STORE ROBBERY

Salegirls in Tears When Woman Who Gave Them Fruit Is Arrested

The salegirls at Foster Brothers' department store, 180 Ridge avenue, are sad today, for Mrs. Savage, the woman who for the last six months has given them fruit, is in trouble. Mrs. Savage, whose fruit stall is on the Farmers' Market and has endeavored to give the hearts of the girls in the store by giving them fruit to eat at luncheon time. Nobody especially watched her, as she went around with her good word, brushed several pieces of clothing from the counter into the basket which was then nearly empty of the fruit.

The woman was arrested and the girls cried. Her home was searched and the police recovered 14 suits of children's clothing. Many other missing articles were also found, the police say. The woman broke down. She said she had to support her ten children. She only stole enough to satisfy their wants, she said. She was held under \$500 bail for a further hearing.

Thieves who stole a railroad truck ax forced open the windows of the Pennsylvania Railroad station at Norwood early today, but were frightened off without getting anything for their trouble by the arrival of the newspaper train. Residents believe that the thieves are followers of a circus which is playing in that vicinity. The local Vigilance Committee is endeavoring to learn their identity.

A man, who objected to being sent to the Philadelphia Hospital because he had been there 20 times already for being "stewed," is lodged in that institution today despite his objection. Before this was accomplished, however, he wrested Sergeant John Little, the "terror of the battle of Waterloo," and several other officers in a spirited mix-up at the 4th and York streets police station last night. He is William Heaber, 60 years old, of Halloway, Pa.

A load of bananas proved too much for Joseph London, 41 North 32d street, carry through the cellar door of 180 Produce avenue today. He knocked down the door and it struck him, breaking three ribs. He was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital in a serious condition.



C. GRASON BOND Trenton's letter carrier "roundsman," the first postal employe in the United States to serve as a foreman, adjusting mail routes to city's needs.

RED TAPE THROTTLED EARLY TRANSIT PLAN, TAYLOR CLERKS FIND

August Belmont Tried to Give City High Speed 24 Years Ago, But Quit in Disgust

BEGAN FRANKFORD LINE

Tired of Fighting Obstructionists and Sold Structure for Scrap—Taylor Won Struggle

Clerks in the Department of City Transit today discovered that when ground is broken for the construction of the Frankford elevated on September 13 Philadelphia for the second time will witness the beginning of a high-speed line to the northeastern section of the city.

Perhaps not one out of a hundred Philadelphia remembers it, but an elevated passenger railroad to Kensington and Frankford once before was planned and authorized by Councils and construction was begun. This happened just 24 years ago. The old records were found today.

The promoter was August Belmont, of New York, and the company he organized to finance the project was called the Northeastern Elevated Railway Company. Almost half a block of the superstructure had been placed in position on the proposed line when the then-existing surface line obtained an injunction to stop the work.

QUIT IN DISGUST

After fighting the court injunction Mr. Belmont became disgusted with the legal red tape and abandoned the project. The steel framework was allowed to stand, but after some time it was dismantled in Philadelphia's unprogressiveness. "Three years later it was sold for scrap."

The foundations and supports for the steel framework of the elevated road had been completed from Front street to Market street as far north as Berks street when the injunction became effective. The steel framework, however, had been completed only between Market and Arch streets on Front street.

Belmont's company was organized in 1891. Early in 1891 the necessary ordinances were introduced in Councils to authorize the project and to fix the terms of the contract between the city and the Northeastern Elevated Railway Company. The enabling ordinance was signed on June 24, 1891, by Mayor Edwin S. Stuart.

According to the ordinance, the elevated structure was to start at Pollock street (30 blocks south of Market street), run north on Front street to Amber street, on Amber to Lehigh avenue, on Lehigh avenue to Kensington avenue, on Kensington avenue to Tusculum street, on Tusculum street to Butler and Mascher streets and thence to Chelton avenue and the city line.

TWO SPURS PLANNED

Two spurs were also to be run from the main structure: one from Lehigh avenue and Emerald street to Emerald and Erie avenue, and the other to Tacony and Holmesburg. According to the terms of the contract trains were to be run all night. From 6 a. m. until 9 a. m. and from 5 p. m. until 7:30 p. m. the fare for a passenger riding the full distance was to be 5 cents; at all other times it was to be 10 cents. The stations on the structure were to be at half-mile intervals. The trains were to be drawn by steam locomotives, as electric power was not then used to operate transit systems.

From the time the project was abandoned until Director Taylor announced his program for a comprehensive high-speed transit system, about two years ago, various organizations in the Northwest renewed from time to time the agitation for better transit facilities. Held back on one side by the direct opposition of the city, and on the other by the indifference of Councils, they made virtually no progress until Taylor became Director of City Transit. On account of this long fight September 13 will be a day of considerable jubilation in the Northwest.

ITALY CALLS OLDER MEN

Eight Thousand Second Line Reservists Here Affected by New Order

More than 8000 Italians in this city, and probably twice that number in Pennsylvania, are affected by the order of the Italian Government calling to the colors all second-line reservists. The order is believed to have been caused by the declaration of war against Turkey.

Men of the second line are those whose ages range from 30 to 39 years. Several hundred already have responded to the call by registering at the office of the Italian Consulate, and preparations are under way today to arrange for their transportation from this city and New York.

Contributions to the Italian relief fund for the families of reservists who have returned to Italy still are being received at the office of C. C. A. Baldi, treasurer of the committee in charge. More than \$3000 already has been contributed and nearly as much more is pledged.

Week-End Retreats for Laymen

Annual week-end retreats for laymen will start the end of this week at the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, at Overbrook, with distinguished laymen in attendance from this city, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Norfolk and other cities. The second and final retreat will be held September 3 to 5. The Rev. T. J. Shealy, S. J., of the Mount Maunabo House of Retreat, New York, will conduct the meetings this year. Arrangements for reservations are being made by John J. Ferreck, of Overbrook, president of the committee in charge of the laymen's week-end retreats.

BEST MOSQUITO KILLER THE BEST MAYOR, IS THIS POLITICIAN'S IDEA

He Figures That Every Victim of Poison Sting Will Join Forces of Candidate Who Promises to Exterminate Pests

If you are 25 years old, born or naturalized an American citizen, not dispossessed of the right to vote by conviction or high treason or something else; if you are all this and you yearn for fame and power, and if you have bulky oodles of money and if you don't care how you spend it, listen to the buzz of the little mayoralty bee.

A certain citizen, who owns and controls one (1) vote, and holds no allegiance to any political party or boss, is opportunity, the most persistent knocker the world has ever known, the only knocker who makes a living out of knocking. In effect, this Citizen Opportunity saith, in a letter to the Mayor:

"Trot out the mosquito who can kill mosquitoes in Philadelphia. Trot, pace, single step, gallop or canter him out, I say. Bring him forward. Produce him. Let the spotlight shine upon him. Call an office and get his name. McCordress. Shout same from the house tops, and never mind the rest."

"And when the dawn of another election day shall have appeared I shall go forth clothed with a righteous determination

and the usual garments required in civilized communities and vote for him as Mayor of this here city of Philadelphia. Not only will I do it, but I know many more mosquito gored citizens who will go forth in the same way and cast their ballots for him."

Ridiculously simple, isn't it? All you have to do is be able to kill off all the mosquitoes in Philadelphia. And if you don't know how this may be done, ask the health officials. They will explain that all you need is money and the ability, in the parlance of the street, to loosen up.

So many barrels of petroleum, bought for so many dollars at wholesale rates; so many gallons of kerosene; so many loads of dirt to fill the cans and your campaign pledges are redeemed.

As for the campaign, it is bulging with possibilities. Think of a float containing the effigy of a mosquito, magnified 10,000 times. You could stand on the float with a long dagger in your hand and, as you exhorted the multitude to vote for you, stab the mosquito likeness to the heart as punctuation. A frenzied populace would tear down the election booths voting for you.



MICHAEL J. RYAN City Solicitor, who has entered race for place on Common Pleas bench.

BURGLARS WITH VAN STRIP UPTOWN HOME

Detectives Have No Clue to Thieves Who Took Nearly Everything but Piano

Burglars with a moving van, it became known today, stripped the home of Isaac H. Vendig, 228 North 16th street, of \$200 worth of furniture, jewelry, cut glass and other articles of value while the family was at the seashore. The police have been working on the case secretly since August 12.

On that date Mr. Vendig returned to his home. He found that every article of furniture, except a few old pieces and things like the piano, that were too heavy for two men to handle, had been taken away. Every room in the house was visited. In some nothing was left behind but old papers that had been under rugs.

Pictures, chairs, sofas, rugs and contents of linen closets were taken away. Enough loot was secured by the burglars, the police say, to fill a large moving van, and it is believed the thieves had such a vehicle outside the door. In spite of the size of their task, the criminals worked so quietly that none of the neighbors was aroused.

Mr. Vendig and his family left home June 23. It took him several days after he returned to make out a complete list of the missing articles. This list covers four closely typewritten pages.

It includes everything from baby's handkerchiefs to a valuable Dresden sofa that, according to Mr. Vendig, would be a heavy load for two powerful men. Not an inch of the house was left unvisited by the thieves. They even went into the cellar and ransacked it for something of value. Lieutenant Herbert, of the 25th and York streets station, has had all the special policemen of that district at work on the case and Captain Cameron's men also have taken part in the investigation.

Detectives and police are mystified as to what the men did with their loot. So far not a single piece of the stolen furniture, bric-a-brac, cut glass, jewelry, linen or clothing has been offered to a second-hand dealer or pawnbroker. It is possible, the police say, that the burglars had a motor van and took their stuff out of the city, or are holding it to dispose of later.

WILLS PROBATED

Two Documents Contain Private Bequests

Wills admitted to probate today include those of Elijah Baker, late of 2038 North 11th street, who left \$1700 in private bequests, and Patrick J. McCann, who left \$1000.

Personal property of Helen G. Woodman has been appraised at \$45,731.33; Anna P. Ellis, \$15,683.60; Mary Sutherland, \$4,603.56.

TAX PAYMENTS POUR IN; 1914 RECEIPTS EXCEEDED

Two Days' Collections to Reach Million—Extra Clerks Hired

Tax payments at the office of the Receiver of Taxes at City Hall are unusually heavy. Property owners, anxious to avoid the 1 per cent. penalty on and after September 1, are rushing their payments to the tax office.

Total payments of \$2,272,537 were received yesterday, according to a statement issued today by Receiver of Taxes W. Freehand Kendrick. Of that amount, \$401,219.50 was for city taxes and \$288,956.37 was for school taxes.

The total amount is \$100,000 more than the tax payments received on the same day last year. Preparations are being made to handle enormous payments during the remaining days of this month.

Extra clerks are being employed. It is expected that the receipts today, with those of yesterday, will exceed \$1,000,000.

INTREPID UMPIRE FOR MINT BASEBALL GAME

Joe Slavin, Publicity Agent for McTammany's Donkey, Ready for the Worst

Incalculable, more or less, sums of money will not be made today at the United States Mint, a large number of the employes having dropped their tools for the day to go on a picnic at the Wynnewood grounds, 29th street and Allegheny avenue.

The big event of the day at the picnic will be the baseball game this afternoon between the married and single men, and the big event of the game will be the umpiring, which will be performed by Joe Slavin, ex-Poor Richmond, the man who removed the bushel that once hid the light of McTammany's donkey—in other words, its publicity agent.

The line-up for the game follows: Single men—Donohue, Martin, Callahan, Harron, Creedon, N. Donohue, Thomas and Conahan; married men, Bill, Schetz, Egan, McKiernan, Phalen, Loftus, Gerhart, Bryant and Conway.

Friends of Slavin gathered at the park in large numbers, ready to protect him to the last ditch. They will equip him with an electric flashlight, so that if the game continues after dark he may get a line on just what the perpetrator is, and not to mention the players. Prior to the start of the game, the heroic Slavin was extremely popular, but he didn't seem to be cheered up by this.

Nevertheless, he is a separator, and so through with the job and sell his life dearly.

CATHOLIC MUTUAL BENEFIT AIDS ITS AGED MEMBERS

Those Reaching Age of 70 Years Affected by Amendment

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 25.—The Grand Council of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Catholic Mutual Benefit Association has adopted the following amendment to the organization's by-laws, which will benefit members who have reached the age of 70 years:

"When a member reaches 70 years he may withdraw from the association and receive half of his beneficiary sum in cash and a paid-up certificate at the rate of \$400 on a \$2000 certificate. In lieu of this he may receive a paid-up certificate of \$200 a year until full certificate is paid. Should he die before all is received his heirs get the balance."

QUALIFY FOR CITY JOBS

Nine Men Eligible for Blacksmith's Helper

Nine men qualified in civil service tests for appointment as blacksmith's helpers at salaries to be fixed by ordinance. They are:

John Julian, 3016 Nevada street; Charles M. Cammer, 212 Gould street; John C. McLaughlin, 725 Porter street; Anthony Varra, 609 Pemberton street; Thomas R. Stack, 1468 Emerick street; James Lynn, 122 North 17th street; Patrick Dougherty, 5350 Pulaski avenue; Walter Bloomer, 2673 Livingston street; Plummer A. Henderson, 423 Main street, Manayunk.

Hoover-Huber Family Reunion

About 800 persons are expected to attend the annual reunion of the National Hoover-Huber Family Association, which will be held at Willow Grove on Saturday, September 11, according to J. Benton Hoover, who is a prominent member of the association.

Three Killed in Gas Explosion

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 25.—Three men were killed today in an explosion of chlorine gas at the plant of the Goldsmith Detinning Company at Wyandotte, a suburb. Those killed were Edward Martin, 31, foreman; Herman Haak, 41, and Jacob Balke, 27.

AMERICAN SLAIN IN MEXICO WHEN ON WAY TO SEE VILLA

Death of Cattle Dealer May Be Another Benton Case

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 25.—Federal and State authorities began a thorough investigation today of the murder of Mel Wormser, an American cattle man, whose body was found last night on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. Wormser disappeared after he had crossed the border on his way to see the Villa authorities about a cattle deal.

The investigation aims to ascertain whether Wormser was killed by Mexican bandits or Villa soldiers. His friends say his murder may prove a second Benton case.

Villa officials were asked to grant permission for an examination of the body, which was found partially buried in the sand at the edge of the Rio Grande.

GARBAGE COLLECTOR SUFFERS A DRUBBING

Magistrate Sustains Fresh Air Lover, Who Chastised Profane Collector of Refuse

A breath of pure air just before breakfast is appreciated by the average man with red blood in his veins.

John Doughty, who is 61 years old, is no exception to the rule. He flung open the door of his cozy home at 196 Page street this morning, looked up at the golden sun and was about to breathe in the ozone when his optimism froze within him. Before the door was a decidedly unpoetic-looking garbage cart.

The air was immediately charged with fumes to which those of the trenches would have been sweet lavender. And the driver of the wagon—Frank Muckel—frowned at Doughty with an air of defiance.

"Take it away," demanded the man at the door with a voice of horror. Muckel declared that he had to stand somewhere. "You won't stand here," said Doughty, and, despite the fact that he was an artificial legged driver of the cart, he landed several solid punches which put him down almost for "the count."

In the midst of the hostilities Policeman Ginn arrived and requested the combatants to accompany him to the 29th and Berks streets police station.

The language of Muckel was in keeping with the wagon he drove, Doughty asserted. Magistrate Grells was of the opinion that a wagon load of odors deposited behind a man's head in the morning justified the action taken by Doughty and he held Muckel in \$300 bail for a further hearing.

FIXES AUTO WITH HAIRPIN

Peggy O'Neil Comes to Rescue When Motor Stops

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Miss Peggy O'Neil, actress, found a new use for hairpins last night when the electric fan in which she was driving became stalled in front of 120 Delancey street. Wire was needed to fix a clogged clutch.

"I have some wire right here," said the actress, taking out several hair pins. The repair was made and the motor moved on uptown.

WILL MAKE DYES HERE

Million Dollar Firm to Begin Manufacturing in Connecticut

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 25.—The mysterious "Yellow works," at Chester, where aniline dyes are being made by a secret process, to replace the dyes formerly imported from Germany, is to be operated by a million-dollar concern, the Middlesex Chemical Company, organized today with \$250,000 preferred stock and \$250,000 common.

The company recently discovered a black dye, of which there is now a serious shortage, for manufacturing purposes. It is the foundation for aniline dyes of various colors and shades. The concern recently turned out the first pure carbolic acid crystals ever obtained in this country, which is of tremendous importance to the dye and acid trade.

Whether your neck is plump or slender, a collar with a rip-saw edge plays equal havoc. Soapless finish puts an end to collar harshness and prolongs its life.

Neptune Laundry 1501 Columbia Ave.

DIXON The Dependable Tailor

In Business Since 1866 If skillful service, based upon years of experience, means satisfaction—Dixon-Tailoring has pleased a heap of particular men. "High-Class" Clothes, \$30 to \$40. "Clothes 'de Luxe'... \$40 to \$50. 1111 Walnut St.

"POSSUM HUNTERS" SENT TO PENITENTIARY

Two Members of Kentucky Band of Terrorists Confess and Incriminate Others

HARTFORD, Ky., Aug. 25.—Two members of the "Possum Hunters" organization today confessed they had been part of the gang that terrorized this section of Kentucky. They are Jerry Clark and his son-in-law, Edward Tichenor. They were sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary.

Both said they were driven to their acts by the Consolidated Tobacco Growers' Association. Their confessions are said to have incriminated others of the alleged gang.

\$30,000 Fire Threatened Town. BURGESS TOWN, Pa., Aug. 25.—Gaining great headway before it was discovered, fire in the Gilbert Drug Company store early today threatened to wipe out the town before it was checked by the dynamiting of buildings in its path. The total loss was \$30,000.

Final Round-up of Perry Suits at \$10

Values up to \$25

Two reasons why you should come out to Perry's right now—the finality of this Suit Sale, and the Price of \$10 for a Suit of Perry character!

There are still wonderful pickings for many a lucky man, but promptness is the key! Many a beautiful Suit is here in only one size—if two men of that size come a-seeking, the first here gets the Suit! Be the man!

Alterations charged for.

Yes, Madam, Saludo Coffee will suit your family's taste

We blend Saludo Coffee to an absolutely uniform standard. You'll find it the same good coffee a month or a year hence as it is today. Selected coffee growths, carefully freed of chaff to give you full value, roasted to rich dark brown perfection, steel cut, fresh daily.

Yes, it will suit your family, and it will suit the pocket-book. For it has a strength that means more cups of good coffee to the pound than many a coffee that sells for much more.

29c lb.; 4 lbs., \$1.12. For those who desire a coffee at 5 lbs. for \$1 we blend our Stanhope coffee. A better coffee at its price isn't possible.

22c lb.; 5 lbs., \$1. Try Carico Tea for icing and you have a revelation as to how good iced tea can be. The flavor of its seven growths mingle like the odors in a bouquet. Good the year round—hot or cold.

34c lb.; 5 lbs., \$1.60. We have educated hundreds of families to the merit of good broken tea leaves. You'll be surprised at their strength and flavor.

Green Broken Tea Leaves, 14c lb.; 2 lbs., 25c. Mixed Broken Tea Leaves, 17c lb. Black Broken Tea Leaves, 20c lb.

Royal Claret 77c the Gallon

Royal Claret is strictly pure—every bottle. The fermented juice of big black grapes, ripened in our own cellar.

6 splits for 60c; 10 splits for \$1; 25c bottle; 45c half gallon; 77c gallon.

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RESINOL SHAVING STICK

Now he just shaves, washes—with cold water if Bridget is late—his face feels fine, and he is ten minutes to the good 5 hours a year! And all because of that soothing, healing, medicinal Resinol Shaving Stick. All good druggists sell it. For trial size free, write to Dept. T-M, Resinol, Baltimore, Md.

The First REGISTRATION DAY

Thursday, September 2d

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